













## THE M.P.

**OLD IZAAK.**

The profits derived from the recent Fly and Dait Casting Tournament at Twickenham—£28 10s. 7d.—have just been divided between the Thames Angling Preservation Society and the Anglers' Benevolent Society. The tournament reflected much credit on the Richmond Piscatorial Society, and I think would be a great pity if this very poor result should be lost.

**PIPER PAN.**

St. Charles Hall's orchestral concerts at St. James's Hall are fixed for Friday evenings, November 14th and 22nd, December 12th, January 9th and 23rd, and February 21st. Lady Hallé will assist, and her husband "Manchester band" will appear at each concert.

**BUCKLAND, JUNIOR.**

"Pigeon" asks me how to train a carrier pigeon. To tell him would need a volume, for it is a very difficult science. I have no space to answer such intricate inquiries. I would advise him to get a book upon the subject, or to get someone who can train pigeons to help him and to initiate him into the mystery of it. The same may be said to all correct

## THE ACTOR.

On Lord Mayor's Day, that profound Shakspearean, Mr. E. N. Hazell, distinguished himself by choosing, for emblazonment upon the frontage of his establishment in the Strand, the following very appropriate passage from "King John" (Act III., Scene 1):—  
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The Lord Mayor's show was an improvement in many respects on its predecessor. All that was required to make the pageant really brilliant was sunshine and a clear

**MADAME.**

The nursery arrangements being complete, my friend said, "Now for a transformation!" and almost before I had time to lose my ground she was enveloped from neck to feet in a brown holland overall, which is quite the newest thing in aprons. Then she added, "Just imagine the torture it would conceal were I to wear it over a tailor-made gown with my hair!" and she cast about as if so much to the effect that she had found the answer. It was something like a child's nursery blouse with out shoulder pieces, opening at the back far as the waist, and completely covering the dress. It was gathered round the neck in

**MR. WHEELER.**

The writer of an exceedingly amusing article on perambulators which appeared in the *Globe* the other evening, says that there is no legal restriction on the use of the side pavements by these vehicles. This, I believe, a mistake. Some years ago, before the Hammer Smith Police Court was re-named "West London," it was presided over by a magistrate who had a "down" on perambulators, even as his successor, Mr. Plowden, has a "down" on cycles. I remember that during his rule the wheels of a child's perambulator were seized for blocking the side pavements with their patent cork-crushing machines, and the worthy beak distinctly laid it down that wheeled vehicles are only permitted on sufrageance to make use of the footways. A wheelman was lately punished for wheeling his machine on a footway to

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LENG I have found valuable benefit from it, and would not carry out my profession without it.

LENG — M. MINNER, Professor of swimming, Mills End-road, London.

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LENG Prepared by W. T. O'WARING, Chemist, Hull. Sold in Bottles, 1s. 1/6d., 2s. 6d., and 11s., by all Chemists and Patent Dispensaries, and Wholesale and Retail Druggists and Provincial Houses.











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took the case of Pearcey whilst living with her. Since I came to live with her before I used frequently to see her in company with Mr. Hogg, and also with another man called Crichton. I have frequently seen and spoken to her since I left her. She told me she was being provided for by a gentleman whom she called her husband. On Thursday, the 23rd October, I was passing down Priory-street and I saw her in the morning. I noticed the jacket behind me. Since I wore it the sleeves and the buttons have been cut off. When I first knew the prisoner she said she was 18 years old.—Cross-examined: You did not on good terms with the prisoner? He did not. When I passed her on the Thursday I was on my way to a farmer's shop. I identified a card jacket as a prisoner's. I saw a pocket and for the pocket on the right being missing. I have been in the tramway company's service, from which I discharged myself.—Martha Styles said: I am a domestic servant living at Englefield Green. The deceased woman was my sister. I remember her illness in February of this year. She was away for ten days in a hospital. She had a letter from her mother. Since then I saw my sister from time to time. I knew that Mrs. Pearcey did not visit my sister after her illness. I last saw my sister alive on Thursday, the 23rd October. I met her about four, and remained with her until twenty minutes past six. She had the baby, and the perambulator with her. I saw the baby with my eyes, but Mrs. Styles. My sister showed me a letter, and we had some conversation about it. It was a note written in pencil. From something my sister said to me I put the note in the fire, and it was burnt.—Elizabeth Styles said: I am housemaid living at Albion-road, Swiss Cottage. I am a nurse at the 23rd October, was the last day I saw her alive. On the afternoon of that day she came to see me and brought me a letter. She had the baby with her. The letter was the one which was burnt on the last day I saw her.

**THE FEMALE SEARCHER.**

—Sarah Sawhill: I am female searcher at the Kentish Town Police Station, and live at Falkland-place, Kentish Town. On the 26th October I was instructed to search the prisoner. This was about twenty-five minutes past seven o'clock in the evening. I met the prisoner gave me the order. While I was with Mrs. Hogg on Wednesday evening accidentally in Kentish Town-road; she passed me by, and took no notice of me. On the Thursday I wrote a note to Mrs. Hogg and gave it to a boy to take to her; it was to invite Mrs. Hogg to my place to wait for answer to a letter.—"Did Mrs. Hogg come?" asked the prisoner said, "Yes, between four and quarter past. As we were having tea Mrs. Hogg made a remark that I did not like. One who brought up another—" and then she stopped and said, "Perhaps I had better not say any more."—Cross-examined: I searched the prisoner in a cell, and I took the prisoner to the door of the cell which I took the prisoner to Inspector Banister. The prisoner had already been charged, and I knew what the charge was. I made no note of the statement. I did not mention it to the inspector that night. The first time I mentioned it was to an inspector last Thursday morning. I did not ask the prisoner any questions—statement did not make as quite voluntary. I did not part. She made it whilst she was taking off her petticoat.—Examined by Mr. Gill: Inspector Banister gave me certain instructions, and it was because of them that I did not mention the prisoner had said to me that Mrs. Hogg, the husband said to me that Mrs. Hogg was wanted, and said: The prisoner used to write letters to me from time to time, before and after my marriage. I believe the letters now produced and shown to me are the prisoner's handwriting.—Mr. Gill: I noticed that these letters had been found at the prisoner's house, and were copied by Inspector Banister. The prisoner said she had sent to the prisoner's house. The prisoner recalled. When the prisoner came to the interview with Miss Hogg she said, "The relation; only a friend." I said to the two of them, "When did you see her last?" The prisoner said: "I have not seen her several days." Clara Hogg said, "She home yesterday afternoon, about seven o'clock." On searching the prisoner on the 26th October, in addition to the clothes already mentioned, I found a cigar case identified by Hogg, and a purse containing five 6d. and a penny ticket. I also found a pair of lace curtains in a bath in the house, and some blood-stained rag. On the 30th October I made a further search, and accompanied by other officers, I found some things, some of which have been mentioned by Dr. Pepper. In the kitchen bin in the back yard, on searching the ashes, I found the jacket, but on produced. The jacket produced, was worn by the deceased when her body was found, had a button missing from the right sleeve. The prisoner produced the responds exactly. The prisoner produced a of a burnt hat or bonnet. In the kitchen dresser drawer was a six-chambered revolver and in a tin canister three brass valves of different sizes. In the copper on the range were several novelettes, partly in a book and very much worn. In the kitchen a broom were a number of hairs, which were in a pair of water were two clothed, apparently blood-stained. In the kitchen a piece of black dress stuff, and a black apron and a fire shovel were laid out upon them. The feather was blood-stained, and had hair on it. A bottle of hair cream, a little paraffin had been stuck to it. In the dresser drawer I found a small carrying knife and a very small knife stained with blood. There also a lady's cardigan jacket. When the prisoner was searched I instructed Dr. P. S. Sawhill as to what was to be done.—P. S. Sawhill, J. Y. Division. I assisted the prisoner in searching the prisoner's room. I found a tin produced. It is pointed, very and has been ground down at the bottom. I also found a box containing nine cartridges which fit the revolver found in the kitchen. In the bed-room produced a found the envelope produced a number of letters in pencil, containing a number of names.

**DETECTIVE-SERGEANT NURRY**

next deposed: On the 25th October I was at the Hampstead Police Station when Hogg and the prisoner came there. I went with them to the mortuary, and I saw Inspector Banister. I afterwards went with them to the Portland Town Police Station.

Mrs. HOGG said, "Yes, that is hers." The prisoner said nothing. I went to 141, Prince of Wales-road, and afterwards, with Clara Hogg, Mr. Hogg, and the prisoner, to the Hampstead Police Station. At half-past three the same day I went to No. 9, Priory-road, with the prisoner and two officers. The prisoner opened the door with her key, I went into the parlour and then into the bedroom. Both doors were locked, but she opened them. The kitchen was dark, as the blind was pulled down and the string broken. On pulling the blind aside I found that two panes of glass in the window were broken. She pronounced the prisoner guilty. "I'm trying to catch some mice, and broke the window." The hearthrug was smothered in paraffin, and there were blood-stains on the wall. I said to the prisoner, "I believe you saw her (meaning the deceased) yesterday." Prisoner appeared to be agitated, and did not speak so plainly as she did before. She said me, "I know she should have told you before this," she called about six o'clock, and asked me to take care of the child, and wanted some money, but she did not come inside. I told Clara about it, and she said I had better not say anything about it, as it would seem disgrace to ask for money." In consequence of what I saw I telegraphed to Inspector Mainster, and shortly after he arrived. He recalled, said, I tested the perambulator to see whether it would bear the weight of body. I got into it myself, was covered up and wheeled about in it. I also tested whether it was possible to wheel a similar perambulator from the street, along passage, and found it could be done with perfect ease.—The case was again adjourned until Tuesday next at twelve o'clock.

**MRS. PEARCEY'S ANTECEDENTS.**

Mrs. Wheeler, the mother of Mary Eleanor Wheeler, better known as Mrs. Pearcey, now stands charged with the murder of Mr. Hogg and her child, has made a statement to a reporter. Mrs. Wheeler, who has lived with her family at Stepney for the past twenty years, said—Mr. Wheeler, the father of Eleanor, died of cancer of the knee at No. 8, West Market, 1836. She has three brothers and one sister, all younger than herself. Their father, who was a Royal Marine, died. When a child she never showed a spiteful or vicious disposition, and was never quarrelsome. She attended school first at Wapping, and then at Cannon-row. She left work at her uncle's at 13 or 14, and then came to work at her uncle's, at a newsagent's shop in Stepney. She stayed with him about two years, during which she always returned home late. When her father died, in 1836, she kept at home to assist me in a little way, which used to keep us. She always kept hours, and was not fond of going out of doors. It is not true that she was afraid of the poor man. One day she said, "Mother, I am going out to work to learn a machine and fur trade." She went, and I heard no more of her for twelve months. About a year after her disappearance I told by friends that she was at work in a fur-line with a lady at Cannon-row. When I saw her, my daughter-in-law went there. My daughter assured me that she was very comfortable. A short time after she came my house on an Easter Sunday with a friend, and said she was going abroad to a servant. She was to have called on following Sunday, to let me know if she was going, but she did not call. I did not notice her absence until May of last year, when I learned that she was still in the hospital, and she came back by her brother to see me. She said she just returned from abroad, and was married to a Mr. Pearcey. I have never seen her. She has visited me frequently since—once every other week. It was three or four days ago that she came to see me, and we talked till midnight. While she was lying on the sofa she said to me, "Oh dear, mother, my eyes do keep bad. I don't know what I shall do with it." She never referred to any friends or any trouble. Of course, I thought she was a married woman. I have been to her place in Priory-street twice, and she seemed happy and comfortable. I never saw any signs when I met her that she was married. Her husband appeared by saying he had gone to his mother at Gravesend. I have been unable to see him twelve months, and she used to send me money. I saw her in the priory Holloway last Wednesday week. She said she said, "you don't think I did this." I said, "I am innocent; I have done nothing." I told her, "You are done, and she said, "Don't know, mother." She put her head to her head and said, "Don't worry, mother. If you do I don't know will become of me. My head is so bad was going to ask my child such a lot, but I could ask her nothing." I was over prison before, and they looked the other way as it seemed to take all the rest of me. I have also seen her at a police court twice, but I hardly remember what passed.—It has now been ascertained that it was about the time she said she going abroad that she went to London. From a letter written to her by a friend, it appears that Pearcey in the Old Kent-road, Camden, and quickly to Bayham-street, Camden, where the estrangement between the husband and Pearcey is said to have taken place was about two years ago that she met Pearcey. Up to and at the period of apprehension she was undergoing Mr. Hutton and Mr. Hutton are to be acquainted with the prisoner at her trial, which commences at the December session at Old Bailey.

**FRESH EVIDENCE BY A CARMAN.**

The Hampstead police have become possessed of an important piece of evidence which will be brought out at the next trial of the charge against Mrs. Pearcey. The Marlborough Police Officer, Mr. T. J. Tuesday, it seems, was committed walking close to Priory-street with his horse and cart before half-past three in the afternoon of the 24th October, the day of the murder of a lady, whom he believes, from a description he has heard, to be Mrs. Hogg, the assassinette named Pearcey. He was stopped at the door, which was open tall, thin woman. Whether he was able to recognise the person as Mrs. Pearcey remains to be seen. His description of the woman certainly tallies with her appearance. The carman took notice of the woman because she stepped across the road because of the basinette, and he had to move forward of her way to get past her. This witness, however, in the first instance, communicated the police, but spoke to his friends, and informed the police of what the witness seen.

**A FISHERMAN CENSURED.**

Severe censure was passed on Thursday by a coroner's jury at Worthing upon a fisherman named Inkpen, to whose alleged neglect a fatality is said to have occurred. The man was fishing when a gale sprang up, and he was unable to get ashore, but Inkpen ran to sea and the boat was capsized. Two guards rescued the men, but the boy was killed.

A lofty house in course of construction at the Kohlmarkt, Prague, fell and killed injured a number of people in the street. Five dead bodies have been extricated from the debris, and six injured persons

# THE ATTEMPTED MURDER OF DR. BRIGHT.

## MISS RIORDAN CONFESSES

Catherine Theresa Riordan, no occupant of 34, Eyre-road, Fulham, was brought up on remand at the Vice-chancellor's Court, Oxford, and the great interest manifested in the case was fully sustained in the large number of persons who thronged the entrance to the building for some time before the opening of the court. The prisoner, who has been in the prison infirmary since the whole case came owing to extreme prostration, looked very pale and appeared in a very bad state of health. The court was crowded to overflowing, and included several prominent members of the University. There were on the bench the Vice-chancellor (Dr. Boyd), the Warden of Merton, and the Provost of Eton. The prisoner, who was dressed in a blue gown, was read a charge, replied that her name was Catherine Theresa Riordan, and said she did not know the nature of the charge, which was that of shooting James Frank Bright, Master of University College, with a revolver on the 6th inst., with intent to kill and murder. Eventually she said she understood that she was charged with the attempt to prosecute and Mr. Fuller for the prisoner.—The Hon. Mr. F. P. Morrell, asked if the prisoner was in a fit state for the case to be proceeded with.—Mr. Fuller said he saw her for the first time on Saturday, and again that morning, and she was not able to give him full instructions. He said that the prisoner was in a very bad state of health, and that the medical evidence of her inability to save the case proceeded with.—The Master ordered the case to be gone into.—Mallam then stated the facts of the case, and deposed to in the following evidence. I added that Dr. Bright was absolutely unable to attend the court. Counsel said he believed that the prisoner would be sufficient to make the case committal.—John Thorpe Augustus Haines, fellow and tutor of University College, said: I remember the afternoon of the 6th inst. I was in the house of the master of University shortly before a quarter to five. Going along the passage leading from the hall to the college past the hall, I heard voices in the library, and the one being open, I went in, and the master said, "Here is the woman," (meaning the prisoner). She said, "Why are you holding a dagger over me? You promise me marriage, and I have the marriage certificate." I said to the master that it was madness, and the master said that it was proved by producing the certificate. I said, "Go and fetch a policeman." I said I would, and went out to the hall, followed by the master and the prisoner. I opened the door the prisoner went out, I saw her no more until she was brought back to Oxford the following day. On Saturday morning, I was in the hall, and she had never promised her marriage.—And are not married to her? I am not. I have doubt the prisoner is the woman I saw in the library that day. I wrote the prisoner's handwriting, and the writing on the envelope, "The Harmaid, Mitre road, W.C., is not here." I said to the master, "How do you connect the prisoner with the document contained in it. I produce a letter I received on the 8th night, the 1st inst. The address was Haines, University College, Oxford." I produced the prisoner's handwriting, and the letter also here. The letter is undated, and said "Bright's family will be murdered before long." I said, "I told you what it would do to me. I am always compelled to do what I would never do. I am nearer to every day than you think; and, by God, I will be a murderer."

### THE VISIT TO THE COLLEGE.

—Thomas William Weller Rose, brother of Dr. Bright, said: On the afternoon of the 6th inst., at half-past four, I heard a ring at the bell. I answered it, and found the prisoner. Mrs. Haines. She asked for her name, and Miss Bright said she was in the library and that she would attend to the study and answer her. I saw her go into the room where was. I went on with my work, and in five minutes I heard the front door open, and I heard Dr. Bright go upstairs. After ten minutes past five I heard the prisoner open the door, and I saw her there. I said, "I wish to see Dr. Bright this moment." Dr. Bright was then standing in the hall reading letters, and he stepped to the door and said, "Who is it?" I went to the stairs, leaving them standing by the door, which was open. There were a number of people in the hall, and I saw Dr. Bright go down the stairs. I rushed up to the hall, where I found Dr. Bright. From what he told me I rushed in to the street. Dr. Bright was then standing with his left hand on his forehead, and he said, "I am not well." I failed to see him in all directions, and he returned to the hall about half-past six and found Dr. Bright being attended by Dr. Collier and Wingfield. As I was preparing for bed later on, the lady's maid passed through the hall, and I heard her saying something on the floor, and she picked it up and said, "The bullet produced." I saw the bullet in the hall. On the next morning I went to the Superintendent Head to 35, street, Fulham-road, London, where the prisoner was found in bed, and I immediately identified her.—William Tomlin, of University College, said: On the afternoon of the 6th, at about half-past four, I saw the prisoner coming to the lodge and asked her to come in. I showed her the room, and she went up, and a few minutes after I saw Mr. Haines in the quadrangle, and what he told me I proceeded to his room, and found the prisoner seated in an armchair. There was a basket-chair close to her, and she could not see me. I went to the door, and a policeman if she did not go. She still refused to go, and I touched her left arm with intention of removing her, and she said, "You are as big a rogue as they are." She then handed into the basket-chair and told me what she did, but I did not see her. She went short, and she said, "I am not well." I went short, going at once in the direction of Mr. rooms. Mr. Haines was then there, and he stopped her, telling her she could not go to the rooms, and she turned round and said, "You are on the 6th inst., and I said, "Yes, on the 6th inst. and I saw the college and I saw no more of her."

### MEDICAL EVIDENCE.

Dr. William Collier, of High-street, said: At about a little after five o'clock on the afternoon of the 6th inst., I was in the passage, in consequence of which I was directed to his bed-room, where Dr. Bright partially dressed. From the door, I proceeded to examine the wall, and found a bullet had penetrated the wall. As the result of my examination, I advised the calling of a surgeon, who came, and a medical examination, and found a bullet entered the abdominal wall, about three inches above the left groin, and about three inches in a direction oblique towards and to the right, and about an inch and a half from the surface. The points of entrance of the bullet were ten inches apart, and I saw the bullet.

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# "THE PEOPLE" MIXTURE.

What a pity it is that the man who talks like a book "doesn't shut up as easily." There were 2,175 births and 1,735 deaths in London last week.

Eight little victims of "overlying" were suffocated in London last week.

77,725 Londoners consumed during October 17,725 gallons of water a day.

Fifty-three deaths in London last week were attributed to accident or negligence.

It is said that Tolstol has ceased to smoke cigarettes, but his books will not draw the less for this.

Goslin: I just gave him a place of my mind, don't know. — Dolly (anxiously): How could you spare it?

The young man who is reported to have "run rapidly through his property," must have been wearing a red shirt, with a bull at his heels.

We are told by an American lady journalist that "72,500 fair New Yorkers have patrician fies." All we want now is a definition of a "patrician fies."

In the last thirty-five years 340 millions have, according to Mr. Gladstone, been added to the taxable income of the United Kingdom.

Lord Randolph Churchill, M.P., has joined the Paddington Rate and Taxpayers' Defence Association, and sent a liberal donation to the fund.

It is stated that Mr. Homer, Q.C., has been offered and has accepted the judgeship in the Chancery Division, rendered vacant by the promotion of Mr. Justice Kay.

It is stated that the new City and South London Electric Railway, which was formally inaugurated by the Prince of Wales, will be opened to the public on the 28th inst.

While last year India sent over 100,000,000 pounds of tea to the London market, India itself imported from China 5,000,000 pounds of Chinese tea, and this was the highest figure yet reached by the trade.

New machines for packing matches have recently been introduced into Scandinavia.

One of these, the invention of two young Norwegian engineers, has a capacity of 1,000 boxes per minute.

The Queen, according to the latest arrangements, is expected to leave Balmoral on or about next Wednesday, for Windsor Castle.

The precise date for her Majesty's return from Scotland has not yet been officially announced.

It is illustrative of our attainments in the art of "how not to do it" (says the County Council Gazette), that we are so far behind the rest of the world in the adoption of the electric light.

While cities in remote parts of the world enjoy the advantages of having their streets so lighted, London still waits.

Somebody has perpetrated a grim joke at the British Museum. In the Roman gallery there has been for a long time a fine cast of the head of Julius Caesar.

Recently, says *Fashion and Sport*, another head—that of Brutus—has been put close to that of Caesar.

What a reconciliation!

In France last year "nuptiality" and "natality" again fell off by some thousands, as compared with the previous year, the marriage rate being only 7.1 per 1,000, and the birth rate 23.4 per 1,000, so that the demographic conditions are far from being satisfactory.

Here is a curious item in Indian trade: While India grows and produces vast quantities of sugar, it imports from Mauritius, China, and Europe sugar to the value of £2,000,000 rupees for home consumption, although at the same time it exports large quantities also.

"I was trained," says historian Bancroft, "the 'Grand Old Man' of America," to look upon life here as a season for labour. I know of the time for my release will soon come.

Conscious of being near the shore of eternity, I await without impatience and without dread the beckoning of the hand which will summon me to rest."

At Gross-Sanden, the son of a farmer named Heeren, a little lad of eight years of age, deliberately threw his four-year-old sister into a pond because "she was tired of minding her."

When the little child's head appeared above the water the savage young ruffian knocked it down again.

Diphtheria is still the most seriously prevalent of the zymotic diseases in the metropolis. The fatal cases last week amounted to fifty, the highest number on record and double the corrected average. It would be interesting to know whether the source of the contagion is being investigated in London as it was at Croton.

It is expected that the present Paris fashions will end in the utter and final rout of the dress-improver. It is well. The bustle has been overdone and underdone, and now it is to be done away with. What over is the next "fash" of the fascinating female, it will be warmly welcomed by comic papers and pounced upon by every mimic ball singer in the kingdom.

"In person a policeman should be able-bodied and of good physique, pure in morals, and scrupulously honest, keen as an observer, and with intellect to instantly comprehend the purpose of any act done or attempted, and anticipate the result that must follow."

This is an American's idea of a "model policeman" as read recently to a meeting of the Cincinnati Prisoners Committee.

New York has for some time been puzzled as to the "intentions" of John Jacob Astor.

Miss William Philadelphia, the lady on whom his affections are popularly supposed to be fixed, but John Jacob does not appear to be in a hurry to conclude the business, and the saying, "She's willing if he'd Astor," is now quite a standing joke in fashionable circles.

Nursery rhymes appear to play their part in American politics. The following was recently introduced into a political oration by the president of a New York club:

There was a young lady of Silver  
Went out to ride on a tiger,  
They returned from the ride  
With the lady inside.

And a smile on the face of the tiger.

An inquest has been held as to the death of John H. Fielder, a recruit in the Fusiliers Volunteer Corps. William Webb, a member of the same corps, stated that he had placed a rifle in a corner of his room, and while talking to Fielder forgot the rifle loaded it.

Webb added that he pulled the trigger, and the fatal shot was a pure accident. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

Two pistol duels between journalists have taken place in Hungary. One was at Pesth, which passed off without injury, owing to one of the party having failed to fire within a given time. At the other duel, which took place at Arad, the editor of a local paper and his opponent, the antagonist in this case being out to oppose political parties, and the quarrel arose from a controversy in their papers.

A young man, named Steinberg, was, at the North London Police Court, charged with stealing, as bailee, a walnut overmantel and other articles of furniture, valued at £35, which he had obtained on the hire system. The solicitor who defended suggested a settlement, saying the prisoner's friends would pay all claims against him. The magistrate, however, observing that there was another

charge against the prisoner, ordered a remand, and refused to accept bail.

Colonel A. Murray has been selected for the command of the 72nd Regimental District.

If there is anything in a name, one of the Democratic candidates for the New York Legislature should come out at the bottom of the poll. His name is Busted.

A glass manufactory in America is being started with a capital of a million sterling. This is a lot of money to invest in an article that is so liable to be broken up.

A despatch from Santiago de Cuba announces that the troops have killed the famous bandit, Velasquez, and his whole band, numbering 34, afterwards surrendered.

Mrs. Elsie, the wife of a telephone labourer, of North End, Croydon, has presented her husband with three boys. The infants are doing well.

During October the Thames supplied Londoners with 89,591,025 gallons of water daily, 83,132,705 gallons coming from the Lea and other sources.

"It would be unreasonable," says Mr. Gladstone, "to estimate the entire capital of the country as less than from ten to twelve thousand millions."

There were 74 deaths from measles in London last week, 23 from scarlet fever, 20 from whooping-cough, 23 from enteric fever, and 20 from diarrhoea and dysentery.

Lord Hartington has reminded his followers that Parliament will open on November 25th, "when matters of great importance will come under immediate consideration."

There-appearance of influenza in Germany, which was chronicled some time ago, has now been placed beyond all doubt. A school in Wurttemberg, has had to be closed in consequence of the epidemic.

Budd Lee, a coloured porter, was shot and killed by William Young, in Nashville, Tennessee. The quarrel was brought about by the refusal of Young to trust Lee for a can of oysters.

"What," asks an advertiser in an American paper, "is the influence which sometimes guides us against our will?" Possibly it is his wife, or, quite as possibly, the local constable.

The large guns from Mount Valerien presented by the late Emperor William to Count von Bismarck still flank the entrance to the Count's residence. There is no bigger gun in Germany than the old count himself, though.

Mrs. Edson, of New York, is said to have the most perfectly formed foot in that city. "It is an actual fact," says a Chicago paper, "that she can tread on eggs without crushing them, so beautifully is her instep arched."

Two Frenchmen, as has been already announced, are going to start on a balloon journey to the North Pole. To start, we say whether they will get there in safety is a problem. Somebody who ought to know better is asking if they intend to fasten the balloon to the Pole when they get there.

The Dublin Gazette contains a schedule of thirty-four purchases by the tenants of the Marquis of Lansdowne of their farms under the Ashbourne Act. The total purchase money of these holdings, which are in Meath, Queen's county, and county Dublin, is £267,000.

An intimation has been received by Major Dwyer, Major Barr, political resident at Gwalior, that the Maharajah of Scindia will subscribe 5,000 rupees towards the fund for providing a memorial in London of the Field-marshal Lord Strathairn (Sir Hugh Rose).

Mr. Haldane, Q.C., intends to introduce a bill next session to equalize the position of husbands and wives when parties in the Divorce Court. A wife desiring a dissolution of marriage now has to prove two offences, one of which—crucial in many gross cases—cannot be proved, while the husband has only to establish one conjugal offence.

When the income-tax was imposed in 1842 at 7d. in the pound, Sir R. Peel calculated the proceeds at £500,000 for each penny. They proved, however, to be £700,000 for each penny. In 1889, the proceeds of the six-penny income-tax were for each penny £2,000,000. Thus, in forty-seven years the total income of the United Kingdom has been nearly trebled.

Messrs. Rowley and Brock, helmet makers, of Cloth Fair, City, were summoned to the Southwark Police Court, at the instance of the London County Council, for keeping a quantity of petroleum on premises in Earls-court, Southwark, without possessing the necessary license, as required by the Act.

The licence having been adduced and the matter having been argued, the magistrate fined the defendants £20.

Mr. Cleveland, the ex-President of the United States, has expressed to an interviewer his opinion that the popular demand for tariff reform had been the chief factor in producing the Democratic victory in the recent elections.

The people, he said, wanted a reduction in the cost of living. The Democratic party were bound by their pledges to make a just revision of the tariff.

The Paris police have made raids on two cafés—one in the Rue de Richelieu, and the other in the Passage des Panoramas, where a great deal of betting on billiard matches had taken place. The judicial authorities hesitated for a long time before adopting extreme measures, particularly as the game of billiards is so popular in Paris and France; but, owing to the amount of money which was changing hands in the game, they referred to, they resolved to act with severity.

Primus Jones was killed at Beulah Church, Sumter, South Carolina. At the coroner's inquest the testimony showed "that in the perfect frenzy of fanaticism Jones was killed by Rev. A. H. Durant, the negro pastor, and one Richard Campbell, a prominent member of the church, because the deceased had spoken of the resurrection of the dead."

It is difficult to form anything like an accurate estimate of the extra cost which shipowners have to bear for bunker coals now, as compared with the rates which prevailed three years ago, but from the figures applying to a steamer of say 2,250 tons, consuming close on 3,000 tons of coal per annum, it is calculated that on the whole of the steam tonnage of the United Kingdom the coal bill alone shows an advance of from three to four millions sterling.

The marriage took place at St. Paul's, Knightsbridge, of Mr. Francis William Leybourne-Popham, J.P. for Berks and Wilts, of Littlecote Park, Wilt, and Henriette, Countess of Carnarvon. The bride wore a dress of the richest ivory satin, trimmed elaborately with point d'Alençon lace, with full court train, ornamented with sprays of orange blossom and white heather.

John Kittenbach, when released from a lunatic asylum, went straight to his home in Prairie du Lou, near St. Louis. Procuring a double-barrelled shot gun, he went to the farm of Louis F. Talbot, and shot at him. The first charge slightly wounded Talbot in the side of the head; the second charge entered the left side and lung, causing a fatal wound. Kittenbach then reloaded his gun and went to his father's house, where he shot his brother in the right arm and shoulder. He next levelled the weapon on his father, but before he could pull the trigger his

father split his skull open with a goblin-bone. The unfortunate man now lies dead.

No less than 463 deaths in London last week were due to diseases of the respiratory organs.

A steamer has been sunk at the Iron Gate on the Danube. Six of the men on board were drowned.

Thomas Wilson, a Bridgeton labourer, fell asleep in a hayloft, and was suffocated amongst the hay.

"I have," says the Duchess of Rutland, "seen, with much gratitude, the great blessings which follow temperance, and the great blessings which follow those who feel it their duty to abstain for the sake of others."

The King of the Belgians rises at 5.30 a.m. sharp, and takes a bath. For breakfast he drinks tea, and eats—according to a Berlin paper—no fewer than eight fresh eggs almost raw.

The Cleveland miners have been balloted on a question of labour candidate, and an overwhelming majority are in favour of the proposal. The executive will now take steps with the view of giving effect to the decision.

At Montreal, the grand jury returned a true bill against Mr. O'Brien, the journalist, who is charged with having circulated a false report of the arrest of Prince George of Wales during his visit to Canada. The trial will not take place for three weeks.

The actual production of iron ore in the United States at the present time is about 16,000,000 tons a year, which is nearly double the output of the best iron mines of Europe, and both alike are advancing with wonderful strides.

At a special conference of the Miners' Federation of Great Britain, at Bristol, fifty-three delegates attended, representing nearly 13,000 men. A committee was appointed to meet a deputation from the South Wales and Monmouthshire field to consider the admission of that district into the federation.

The sixth annual competition in the French language among candidates for admission to the schools in the United Kingdom will be held on Saturday, the 22nd inst. Those who cannot have the necessary superintendence at their own schools will be examined at 20, Bedford-street, Strand.

Mr. Raffles has fined a butcher, named Barron, 6s. and costs for having exposed, at the abattoir in Trowbridge-street, Lampeter, the carcass of a calf which was unfit for human food. It was stated that any person who was guilty of the offence would have been seized with serious illness.

An inquest was held at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Ely-street, Bermondsey, on the body of Catherine Sheehan, aged 29 years, who was alleged to have died from violence. Dr. J. Edmond, said a post mortem examination showed no marks of violence, death being due to syncope. The jury returned a verdict accordingly.

The Duke of Clarence and Avondale is expected to arrive in Berlin from London on the 16th inst., in order to be present at the wedding of his cousin, the Princess Victoria of Prussia, and Prince Adolphus of Schaumburg Lippe. The Duke during his visit will stay at the British Embassy.

Miller's "Angelus" is not to leave the United States till December. It is to continue to be exhibited there until it is shipped for France.

The French purchaser will pay for favouring the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, the vessel on which the famous picture will perform the voyage.

A spark from a fire is reported to have caused much damage to the residence of Mr. M. Palmer, No. 25, Sidmouth-street, Gray's Inn-road. The front room on the third floor and its contents were nearly burnt out, and most part of the roof was destroyed. The floor underneath was damaged by fire, and other parts of the place suffered by smoke, water, and dirt.

An outbreak of fire, resulting in much damage to property, was caused by a candle at No. 647, Wandsworth-road, the residence of Mr. D. Stearnman. In connection there with Louisa Sophia Cuttler, aged 29 years, was injured on the head and hands. Mr. Stearnman was insured in the Phoenix and Law Offices.

The return of metropolitan pauperism for the week ending October states that the total number of paupers was 99,841, comprising 57,193 indoor and 33,648 outdoor. The number in the corresponding period of 1889 was 93,552; for 1888, 90,355; and for 1887, 95,242. The number of vagrants relieved was 977—772 men, 191 women, and 14 children.

The Trades Hall Council of Melbourne has telegraphed to the English labour leaders that the secession of the maritime officers leaves nothing to fight for. The shipowners at Melbourne have opened a free-labour bureau.

Most of the miners and trimmers at Newcastle, New South Wales, have resumed work.

The Queen has just ordered a wide flounce, trimmings, and scarf of finest loom-made Spanish lace, manufactured at Nottingham.

"Blood and Iron" is a quite equal in quality and texture to the best productions of the looms of Lyons and Calais. Perhaps Englishwomen will follow her Majesty's example, and begin to wear lace made in their own country.

A fire, caused by the vapour of spirit coming in contact with flame, occurred at 271, Old Kent-road, S.E., occupied by Mr. C. W. Day, oil and colour merchant. But a short time elapsed before the firemen were present, and got two gallons of water on to the fire, which was not extinguished before the lower portion of the place was virtually burned out; the remainder of the house, with a back store and its contents, were damaged. Mr. Wraye was insured in the Royal Exchange Office.

Mr. Walter Long, M.P., Secretary to the Local Government Board, speaking at the annual meeting of the National Association of Government, who were entering on their fifth year of office, that they had administered the law in Ireland with success. This was proved by Mr. Balfour's visit to the distressed districts, where he had been received with enthusiasm. He claimed, further, that the Government had administered the national finances with success, and that the electors might hope as much from them as from any Government who may replace them.

A Parliamentary return shows the number of men convicted in 1889 for murder and manslaughter, and for all assaults committed on women in towns of over 150,000 inhabitants in England and Wales; Edinburgh, Glasgow, and Dundee; Dublin, Belfast, and Cork. In England and Wales there were 198 cases charged on indictment, or commitment, three of them being of murder and five of attempted murder, 100 of indecent assaults of more or less flagrant, twenty-six of which latter were connected with girls under 13. There were also 4,812 convictions, 444 of them aggravated assaults, for offences summarily dealt with.

A deputation, consisting of Sir John Simon, Sir Henry Isaacs, the Rev. Dr. Aker, and Mr. W. J. Simon, waited upon the Lord Mayor at the Mansion House, and presented an influential requisition on the subject of the treatment of the Jews in Russia. This document set forth, in brief but emphatic terms, the conviction "that there should be a public expression of opinion respecting the renewed persecutions to which millions of the Jewish race are subjected in Russia, and under the yoke of severe and exceptional edicts and disabilities," and the memorialists asked his lordship to call a public meeting for the purpose named at the Guild-

hall. The Lord Mayor agreed to convene the meeting at an early date.

Patrick Delaney, who was convicted in connection with the Phoenix Park murders, has been released and sent abroad with his family.

The Earl of Londesborough has been elected an alderman of the East Riding County Council.

The death is announced from Chester of Dr. Edward Waters, one of the best-known consulting physicians in the North of England.

The Rev. Dr. Hannay, for many years secretary of the Congregational Union of England and Wales, died on Wednesday at Horsey.

It is denied that the Emperor of Germany and Austria, together with the King of Saxony, will meet the shooting quarters of Count Bismarck in Silesia.

A correspondent hears that Sir John Millais's portrait, which last year gave him a good deal of trouble and threatened to interfere with his painting, has improved of late.

Dr. Windthorst, the well-known leader of the clerical party in Germany, has been advised by his medical attendants to take repose, owing to an affection of the heart from which he is suffering.

A hitherto unprinted MS. concerto by Paganini for the organ, with violin, viola, and violoncello accompaniment, has recently been found at Stockholm. The score is in Paganini's own writing.

Sir John Lubbock, on his arrival at Palermo. A vast crowd gathered in front of his hotel, in response to which the Premier appeared at the window and bowed his acknowledgments.

The latest club development in America is called the Halcyon, and is composed of twelve young ladies and a similar number of young gentlemen. The ladies and lads propose to meet twice a month at each other's houses during the long winter season.

Sir William Whiteway, Premier of Newfoundland, who came to England four months ago, arrived in Belfast on Thursday, on Wednesday on board the steamer Caspian, on his return to Newfoundland.

A serious dispute, culminating in a free fight, marked the termination of a Socialist meeting near Ravenna. The contending parties made free use of revolver and knife, with the result that one person was killed and several injured.

Notice has been given by the Bolton cotton operatives that an advance of 3 per cent. in wages will be demanded. The movement is about ninety-three firms and 30,000 workpeople, and it is stated that its issue will decide the action of all cotton operatives in Lancashire, Cheshire, Yorkshire, and Derbyshire.

A strange contrast to the brilliant scene of the previous evening was afforded on Tuesday at the Guildhall, when a number of persons, including over 100 women, armed with tickets issued by the committee, assembled to receive the guests of the banquet. Their glad faces as they departed showed that in this case, at least, charity was well bestowed.

Another slum is doomed. After an official inquiry the Home Secretary has decided that the Nile-street area, Holborn, must be improved off the face of the earth in the manner prescribed by Part II. of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, and that the London County Council ought to contribute one-half the expense.

Mr. Robert Walker presided at the first ordinary meeting of the Society of Architects for the session of 1890-91, at St. James's Hall. Pledgably, referred to the munificent offer of pictures which had been made to the nation by Mr. Henry Tate, and trusted that, with or without an architectural section, a National Gallery of British Art might within the near future become an accomplished fact.

At a meeting of Salford School Board the Rev. J. J. Smith moved a resolution in favour of offering the fee in the different standards of a school. At present, he said, the further a child advanced the larger was the fee. This was a premium on laziness, and induced parents to take their children from school at the earliest opportunity. The resolution was not carried.

Colonel Caddell emphatically denies the statement that visitors to Tipperary have been shadowed by the police. The officers, he said, were on duty in the usual way, and followed persons, trying to persuade them from entering boycotted shops. The Colonel pays a tribute to the police, whom he avers are as well-behaved a body of men as can be found in the world as far as crime goes.

After a short career of brilliancy and of long financial embarrassment the Alexandra Palace is at no distant date to come under the hammer, and the gates will be shut under private Act of Parliament, and the property and ground cannot be devoted to other uses except with the consent of Parliament. A bill is now being prepared, to be presented to the House of Commons when it re-assembles, which will enable the shareholders to sell the land for building purposes.

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## SPORTS OF THE PEOPLE

(The Events of the week up to Wednesday Night will be found in "Larry Lynn's Article.")

## RACING.

## FRIDAY.

## DERBY NOVEMBER MEETING.

**THE BELPER HANICAP HURDLE RACE.**—Doroch, 5yrs, 12st 10lb (Hawson), 1st; New Moon, 3yrs, 10st 10lb (A. Chalmers), 2nd; 12st 10lb (Hawson), 1st; New Moon, 3yrs, 10st 10lb (A. Chalmers), 2nd; 12st 10lb (Hawson), 1st; New Moon, 3yrs, 10st 10lb (A. Chalmers), 2nd.

**THE ELVASTON CASTLE SELLING PLATE.**—Sea Wave, 4yrs, 11st 10lb (W. J. L. Dwyer), 1st; Despot, 4yrs, 11st 10lb (W. J. L. Dwyer), 2nd; 11st 10lb (W. J. L. Dwyer), 1st; Despot, 4yrs, 11st 10lb (W. J. L. Dwyer), 2nd.

**THE CHADDERTON HIGH-WIGHT HURDLE RACE.**—Old Oak, 3yrs, 7st 10lb (Woodhouse), 1st; 7st 10lb (Woodhouse), 1st; 7st 10lb (Woodhouse), 1st; 7st 10lb (Woodhouse), 1st.

**THE OAKLEY HURDLE RACE.**—Sabra, 4yrs, 8st 10lb (Lester), 1st; Tabarin Vivant, 7st 10lb (Lester), 2nd; 8st 10lb (Lester), 1st; Tabarin Vivant, 7st 10lb (Lester), 2nd.

**THE SELLING HURDLE RACE.**—Royal Stuart, 3yrs, 4st 10lb (T. Lister), 1st; Commisary, 3yrs, 4st 10lb (T. Lister), 2nd; 4st 10lb (T. Lister), 1st; Commisary, 3yrs, 4st 10lb (T. Lister), 2nd.

**THE QUEEN'S PLATE.**—The Admiral, 3yrs, 7st 10lb (Woodhouse), 1st; Dandy David, 3yrs, 7st 10lb (Woodhouse), 2nd; 7st 10lb (Woodhouse), 1st; Dandy David, 3yrs, 7st 10lb (Woodhouse), 2nd.

**TAN DERBY HANICAP PLATE.**—Queen Laura, 3yrs, 12st 10lb (Bradford), 1st; Wiseman, 3yrs, 12st 10lb (Bradford), 2nd; 12st 10lb (Bradford), 1st; Wiseman, 3yrs, 12st 10lb (Bradford), 2nd.

**THE GREAT BRISTOL PLATE.**—Deighton, 3yrs, 10st 10lb (F. Barrett), 1st; Mrs. Price, 3yrs, 10st 10lb (F. Barrett), 2nd; 10st 10lb (F. Barrett), 1st; Mrs. Price, 3yrs, 10st 10lb (F. Barrett), 2nd.

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